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United States Marine Corps Captain Howard O. Casada was killed on September 22, 1960 during a routine test flight, when his Navy jet crashed in the Angeles National Forest. He was 29 years old. Captain Casada's Navy F-104 Starfighter was based at China Lake Naval Weapons Center and carrying Sidewinder missiles when it crashed into the face of Josephine Peak at an elevation of 4500 feet. The cause of the crash was thought to be oxygen depletion at altitude.

Mr. Matthew Maxon of Sunland, California has requested a commemorative naming of this unnamed feature to honor the memory of Captain Casada. On March 11, 2009, members of the local community offered their public backing, as the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council voted unanimously to support the name "Casada Canyon" in memory of the late Captain Casada. Local hikers already refer to the area as Casada Canyon. There are no other features in California known to be named "Casada".

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors submit a formal proposal to the United States Board on Geographic Names, U. S. Geological Survey, to make official the commemorative name "Casada Canyon" for a 1.2 mile long valley on the SE slope of Josephine Peak at 34 degrees, 17' 05" N, 118 degrees 09' 22" W in Los Angeles County and within Angeles National Forest.

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